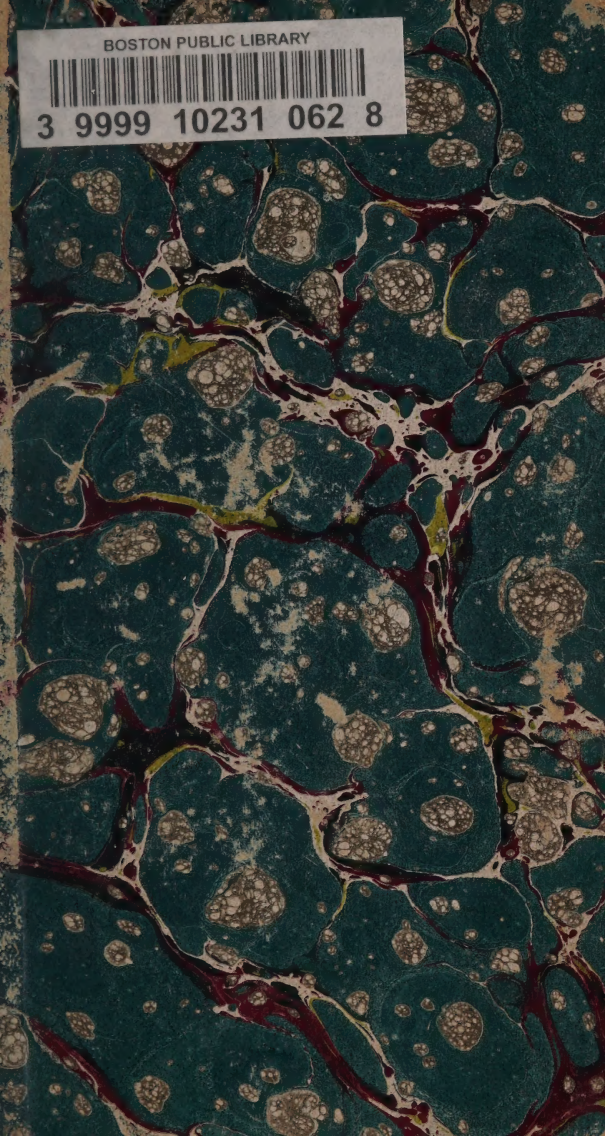


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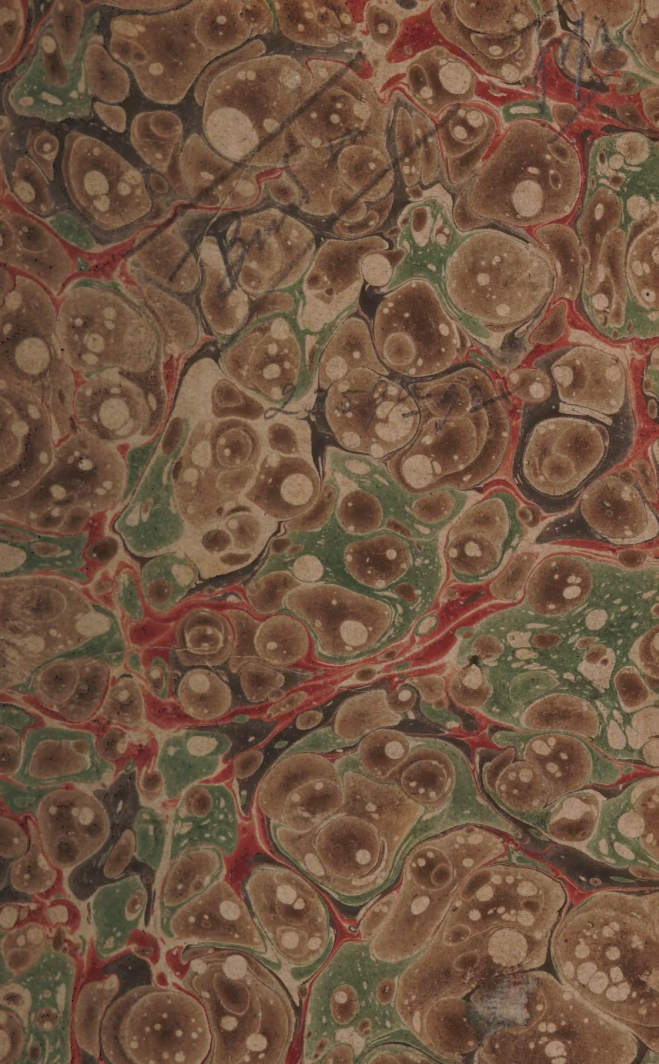




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The Associates authorised by the Commander in Chief, and Council, on the 22d Feb. 1825, to raise a Rifle Corps at large, have for their better government adopted the following

CONSTITUTION,

to the strict observance of which, they hereby severally pledge themselves to each other.

ARTICLE I.

Name of the Company.—The name of the Company shall be the “RANGERS.”

ARTICLE II.

Admission of Members.—Any citizen of the age of eighteen years and upwards, who may wish to become a member of the company, having been proposed at any regular or special meeting of the company, or to an investigating committee, may be balloted for at the next succeed-

ing meeting ; and if five-sixths of the members present, vote in his favour, he shall be admitted—*Provided*, that within ten days of his being notified thereof, he pay to the Treasurer the sum of five dollars, which shall entitle him to the use of arms and equipments as long as he continues a member of the company.

ARTICLE III.

Choice of Officers.—As the law directs that all non-commissioned officers shall be appointed by the commanding officer, it shall be the duty of the company when required, to nominate by ballot, suitable candidates for such appointments ; and if after two trials no choice be made, the commanding officer may proceed to fill the vacancy without further trial.

ARTICLE IV.

Uniform.—There shall be annually chosen by the company, a committee, to be styled the uniform committee, whose duty shall be to make, and keep a complete and accurate description of the uniform adopted by the company, at its organization—together with all alterations and additions thereto made, from time to time, by the corps ; and each member on his admission, shall provide himself with the uniform of

the company, at his own expense, under the direction of said committee. The sashes and badges of the non-commissioned officers, shall be furnished by themselves, and worn under the direction of the commanding officer.

ARTICLE V.

Change of Uniform.—No alteration in or addition to the uniform of the company as adopted at its first organization shall be made—unless by a vote of three fourths of the active members of the company at a meeting specially called and notified for the purpose.

ARTICLE VI.

Orderly Sergeant, his duties —It shall be the duty of the Orderly Sergeant, who shall also be Clerk, to attend every meeting of the company ; to keep correct size and muster rolls of the company, which latter he shall call at every meeting thereof, previous to entering upon business, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, noting all members who may be tardy or absent during the meeting ; he shall make a return to the Treasurer of all fines so incurred, within forty-eight hours after every meeting ; he shall notify all the members of every meeting, by signing a written or printed notification, which he

shall seasonably deliver to the other Sergeants and Corporals, whose duty it shall be to deliver the same without delay to the members to whom they are directed, or leave them at the houses or places of business of the said members respectively ; he shall keep a fair record of all votes and doings of the company in an orderly book, which shall never be alienated from the company—and shall be by him produced at every meeting and be open to the inspection of any member ; he shall insert therein all details of detachments, and all orders received from the commanding officer ; he shall notify all members of their admission, and prepare them for the ranks, by teaching them facings, wheelings, and the manuel exercise—calling in aid, such other of the Sergeants or Corporals, as he may deem necessary ; he shall form the company at all meetings, unless otherwise ordered ; he shall furnish such rolls and returns, as are, or may be required by law ; and when any member shall be discharged from the company, he shall report his name to the commanding officer of the Ward in which such member resides.

ARTICLE VII.

Assistant Clerk.—The commanding officer may,

if he thinks proper, appoint an Assistant Clerk, who shall act under his direction.

ARTICLE VIII.

Treasurer, his duties.—There shall be chosen by ballot, annually or oftener, a Treasurer. It shall be his duty to collect all fines and assessments ; to pay all bills which may have been approved by the commanding officer ; to receive and be accountable for all monies and property, accruing to the company from any source ; to keep legible and correct accounts of all receipts and expenditures ; to keep an account with each member—his books to be open to the inspection of any member ; to report in writing to the commanding officer the name of every delinquent ; to make and render semi-annually, or oftener if required, legible and correct accounts in writing of receipts and expenditures, and of all monies and property in his hands, and to pay over and transfer the same in such manner as the commanding officer may direct.

ARTICLE IX.

Armoury.—The arms, equipments, and all other property which now does, or may hereafter belong to the company, shall be kept in the company's Armoury, subject to the use and disposal

of the company only ; and no article shall be taken therefrom on any pretence whatever, unless by order of the commanding officer.

ARTICLE X.

Armourer his duties.—There shall be chosen annually by ballot, or oftener if necessary, an Armourer, whose duty it shall be to keep an exact account of the arms, equipments, and all other articles belonging to the company, which he shall, when required, exhibit to the commanding officer ; he shall attend to the orderly arrangement of the Armoury, and employ some person (to be paid by the company) to keep the arms and equipments clean and in order.

ARTICLE XI.

Music.—There shall be one Drummer, Fifer and Bugler, attached to the company, conformably to law, and on parade days, such additional music as may be voted by the company.

ARTICLE XII.

Senior Officer Moderator.—The senior officer present at any meeting, shall be Moderator ; and strict obedience shall be paid to his commands, in debates as well as military manœuvres ; and he shall nominate from the chair the members of all committees raised by the corps ; and we

hereby engage, that we will on all occasions, support our officers in the discharge of their duty, and discountenance any improper conduct in any member.

ARTICLE XIII.

Fines.—Any member who absents himself, or leaves any meeting of the company without permission of the commanding officer, or is tardy at any of said meetings, shall be fined as follows :—

For non-appearance at public parade,	\$2 00
For non-appearance at roll call on days of public parade }	50
For non-appearance at drills and other meetings }	50
For non-appearance at roll call at drills and other meetings }	20
For leaving the company on any pub- lic parade, without permission }	2 00
For retiring from any drill or other meeting, without permission }	50

Any member being present, and not doing his duty, shall be fined the same as if absent. Any member who is about leaving town for a time exceeding three months, shall obtain a furlough from the commanding officer, in default of which he shall pay two dollars ; and if he neglect within six days after his return, to give notice thereof to the Orderly Sergeant, he shall pay two dollars ; and if he neglect for thirty days to

give such notice, he shall pay five dollars ; and if any member remove from the place where his notifications are usually left, and fail to give the Orderly Sergeant notice thereof, within six days, he shall pay one dollar—members on furlough not liable to pay fines or assessments.

ARTICLE XIV.

Excuses.—Any member having an excuse to make to the commanding officer for penalties incurred, shall offer the same through the Orderly Sergeant in writing or otherwise, within ten days, or be considered as not having any to offer.

ARTICLE XV.

Assessments.—Every member shall be assessed six dollars per annum, for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the company, which shall be payable in two equal instalments, viz. on the first Monday of May and September respectively ; and the company may from time to time lay such equal assessments on the members as may be requisite.

ARTICLE XVI.

Absenting Members.—Any member absenting himself from eight successive meetings of the company, public or private, without furnishing a satisfactory excuse therefor, shall be reported

to the company by the Orderly Sergeant at their next meeting; and if a majority of the members present determine that such delinquent be no longer a member, he shall be discharged accordingly.

ARTICLE XVII.

Collection of Fines, &c.—All fines and assessments shall be paid to the Treasurer, within ten days after being demanded, unless remitted by the commanding officer; and any member who shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, within that time, shall be reported to the company by the Treasurer, and the same proceedings had as prescribed in article 16th, relative to absenting members; if he still refuses to pay, the Treasurer shall deliver the account to the Orderly Sergeant, who shall be, and he hereby is empowered to institute a suit in his own name, to recover the just dues of the company.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Drill.—Every member, who from absence or negligence is deficient in military discipline, or manœuvres, may be placed under the instruction of a drill Sergeant, by order of the commanding officer.

ARTICLE XIX.

Discharge of Members.—Any member on mak-

ing an application in writing, shall receive an honourable discharge from the company, with the consent of the commanding officer of the Brigade, provided such member shall have conducted himself in a soldier-like manner ; and shall produce a *certificate from the Treasurer* that he has paid all fines and assessments due to the company.

ARTICLE XX.

Repeal, or Reconsideration of a Vote.—No vote passed by the company shall be repealed or reconsidered at any subsequent meeting, unless there be a greater number present than when the same was adopted, or unless by a majority of the votes of the whole company.

ARTICLE XXI.

Alteration of the Constitution.—Any amendment or alteration of the Constitution, proposed at a regular meeting and voted for at a subsequent meeting, specially notified for that purpose, by a majority of the whole company, or by two thirds of the members present, shall become a part of the same, and be in force accordingly.

ARTICLE XXII.

Former Laws.—All former votes, laws and regulations for the government of the company

not inconsistent with this Constitution, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Signatures.—This Constitution shall be recorded in the orderly book, and subscribed by every member of the company, and the date of his admission, and his size, shall be prefixed to his name.

Past Officers of the Light Infantry Company of RANGERS, prior to their reorganization.

Henry Rice,	George A. Hodges,
David Francis,	Horace Gray,
George Bond,	Sidney Bartlett,
Thomas M. Baxter,	George Baxter,
Martin Brimmer,	John L. Gardner.
Thomas G. Cary,	

RANGERS, FEBRUARY, 1825.

SIDNEY BARTLETT, *Captain*,
 GEORGE BAXTER, *Lieutenant*,
 JOHN L. GARDNER, *Ensign*.

CALVIN YOUNG,
 WILLIAM ALLINE, JR.
 E. F. HALL,
 THOMAS EDWARDS,

Sergeants.

BENJAMIN DAVENPORT,
 AMOS WOOD, JR.
 WILLIAM READ,
 W. H. DELANO,

Corporals.

WILLIAM ALLINE, JR. *Assistant Clerk.* JAMES MARSH, *Treasurer.*
 W. H. DELANO, *Armourer.*

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MEMBERS.

Josiah W. Homes,
 R. L. Bird,
 Andrew Bradshaw,
 Benjamin Seaver,
 Joel Smith,
 Ephraim L. Eliot,

John Lilley,
 John Burroughs,
 G. W. Smith,
 Frederick Lane,
 Daniel Messinger, Jr.
 Aaron Chapin,

Isaac D. Richards,
 Henry Eliot,
 William Whiting,
 G. T. Waldron,
 John Holman,
 T. F. Holden,
 E. W. Hayward,
 John Waldron,

S. S. Sumner,
 John Tuckerman,
 L. S. Cragin,
 C. W. Thayer,
 John F. Eliot,
 W. Blasland,
 William C. Fox,
 Ward Jackson,
 W. E. Blanchard,
 Samuel Condon,
 George Marsh,
 John Clark, Jr.

Francis Baker,
 Edward Eliot,
 Cornelius Cowing,
 David H. Ackers,
 Supply C. Thwing,
 Thomas Spear,
 Thomas Howe,
 S. Jackson.

Thomas Hooper,
 J. R. G. Andrews,
 W. S. Bird,
 Heman Dagget,
 Charles Smith,
 A. A. Hall,
 Silas Francis,
 W. G. Parker,
 W. Homer,
 E. Atwood,
 T. R. Spear,
 F. A. Fletcher,

W. F. Walton,
 S. Appleton,
 Charles Bancroft,
 D. Parker Wood,
 B. Sargeant,
 B. C. Harris,
 John Merrick,
 W. M. Simpson,
 May 10 I. F. Carr,
 17 Edwin Stearns,

May 17 N. Gilbert,
 June 13 David Hooton,
 21 George Brownell,
 30 Nathaniel Tead,
 July 25 James Phillips,
 Aug. 22 George Barry,
 “ Samuel Vose,
 Sept. 17 N. Coverly,
 “ Warren Lindsey.



